



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for Gg's House (Giving Grace) and their efforts to acquire the former Laurelwood Academy property in Gaston, within House District 31.

Gg's House is a local 501(c)(3) founded by Angel and Steve Sheets with deep roots in our community. For years they have provided practical help—clothing, meals, hygiene items, medical equipment, school supplies, and other basic needs—to veterans, families, seniors, people transitioning out of homelessness, individuals recovering from addiction, schools, and local organizations. Each week they assist hundreds of people and regularly donate food to local food banks and families. Their work centers on dignity and a “hand up.”

What sets Gg's House apart is their structure and accountability. They maintain a clear budget, have raised meaningful resources toward this step, and operate with a higher bar of entry while still not turning people away. Many they have helped later return as volunteers or staff, supporting outreach and connecting others to services.

Acquiring the Laurelwood Academy property would put a historic local site back to productive use. It would allow Gg's House to expand structured housing and stabilization capacity, operate a stronger food bank and clothes closet, and offer basic-needs support that benefits the broader community—reducing pressure on families, churches, schools, and local agencies across the district.

Gaston and the surrounding communities are stronger when neighbors look out for one another and when existing properties are thoughtfully reused. Supporting Gg's House in establishing a permanent home at this site is an investment in practical compassion and community resilience.

I encourage local officials and stakeholders to welcome Gg's House and work constructively with them. Their presence will be an asset to House District 31.

Sincerely,

Darcey Edwards

State Representative

Oregon House District 31